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TRANSMITTAL FOR CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/057,482, filed on January 25, 2002, of M. Mary Sinnott and Alan Chervitz for THREADED SUTURE ANCHOR AND METHOD OF USE, (hereinafter "the Parent Application").

- A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts
- X A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising twenty-nine (29) pages.
- X Nineteen (19) sheets of drawings.
- X A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.
- Entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.

☐ A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 396 738 399 US.

☐ A Preliminary Amendment.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

B. Instructions and Averments

☒ Priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/057,482 filed on January 25, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

☐ Priority to _____ (country) Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☐ A certified copy of the above priority application is filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

☒ The Parent Application is assigned of record to Stryker Endoscopy. A copy of the assignment is enclosed.

C. Payments

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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____ The issue fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).

X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of October 2003.

Respectfully submitted,


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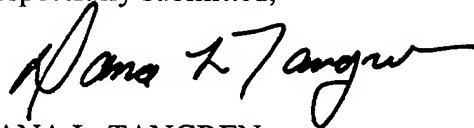
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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Patent Application in the name(s) of M. Mary Sinnott and Alan Chervitz for THREADED SUTURE ANCHOR AND METHOD OF USE (29 pages)
- Drawings (19 sheets)
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages)
- Copy of Assignment (2 pages)
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$770.00
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